

BIRMINGHAM VIEW PHOTO CHALLENGE



Birmingham View Photo Contest Rules and Guidelines

- Contest is open to professional and amateur photographers
- Contest is open to all ages
- An individual may win in no more than two categories
- An individual may submit no more than two images
- All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT Sept. 2, 2021.
- A completed and signed entry agreement must accompany each photo submitted. (Entry agreements by youth 17 years old and younger, must be signed by a parent or guardian. Visit www.birminghamal.gov/photochallenge for entry agreement. Send entry agreement and photos to photochallenge@birminghamal.gov)
- Photos must be taken in Birmingham, AL
- Photos must have been taken between 2019 and 2021
- Photographs must be emailed to photochallenge@birminghamal.gov
- Photographs must comply with “Eligibility” rules, below.

Eligibility

The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant.

Photographs that include sculptures, statues, paintings, and other works of art will be accepted as long as they do not violate any copyright or other intellectual property right of another or constitute fraud. A photograph of the work of others must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person’s work of art. Photographs of private property must not infringe on any privacy rights and a release by the property owner may be requested by the City.

Entries shall not introduce any software viruses, worms or other program designed to damage software, hardware, or telecommunication equipment. Entries that are off-topic, partisan-political (including endorsement of any candidate for any public office), contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party.

Other Conditions

The City assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or delay in operation or transmission; communications line failure; theft or destruction of or unauthorized access to Contest entries; or alteration of entries. The City is not responsible for any problems with or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any entry to be received on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, human errors of any kind, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to entrants’ or any other persons’ computers related to or resulting from participation, uploading or downloading of any materials related to this Contest.

The City reserves the right to suspend or cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. The City reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct disrupts the Contest in any way. Disrupting includes but is not limited to the violation of the contest rules or other applicable laws and regulations; infringement of the rights of third parties; any unsportsmanlike or disruptive conduct; forgery and theft.

Submitted photos must be in the following format:

- Suitable for poster size reprint - 8mp camera or higher is generally acceptable.
- File format: JPEG
- The photographs will be processed and evaluated as Adobe RGB Color and should be submitted as such.
- iPhone pictures that are 8mp or greater will be accepted.
- Photos will not be returned and may be used in City print, electronic media or other publications.

Photo Contest Categories

Contest entries will be judged on overall quality, creativity and how well the photograph portrays Birmingham. The City reserves the right not to award prizes if a suitable photograph has not been entered.

Category 1: Events in Birmingham

Photos should capture special events or community celebrations, sports, concerts, etc.

Category 2: Cityscapes and Landscapes

Photo examples include Birmingham neighborhoods, shopping districts, streets, parks, trails and green spaces, businesses, etc.

Category 3: Birmingham Landmarks

Photos should feature iconic landmarks, city murals, etc. throughout Birmingham

Category 4: People

Photos should reflect the true energy of the people in Birmingham. Examples can include people enjoying the outdoors, children playing, street scenes, people at work or play, memorable moments, life-touching scenes, weddings, family gatherings, volunteer efforts, etc.

Judging

A panel of judges will evaluate eligible entries based on overall quality, creativity and how well the photograph portrays Birmingham, AL in relation to the category criteria. The number of works selected in each category will be at the sole discretion of the judges. The entries of the finalists will be featured in a photo exhibit at the Birmingham Museum of Art in October 2021.

Entries are void if the panel of judges determines the photograph to not be an original, or if the entries are incomplete, inaccessible or blocked, corrupted, damaged, irregular, altered, counterfeit, produced in error or obtained through fraud or theft. Entries that do not fit in the categories of the challenge or that are partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks, or are otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringe on the rights of any third party shall be deemed ineligible.

Decisions of the judges are final and binding.

How to Enter Your Photos

Complete the entry form, which can be found at www.birminghamal.gov/photochallenge.

Email photos and entry form to photochallenge@birminghamal.gov.

Emailed entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT, Sept. 2, 2021.

For More Information

Send questions to photochallenge@birminghamal.gov